

## **City of Fitchburg Conservation Commission**

### **MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2006**

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Tom Starr, Chairman, Dave Brooks, Phil Chalifoux, Mike Donnelly, John Koutonen

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Tim Smith, Mike O'Hara

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Starr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Veteran's Room, First Floor, City Hall.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Agreed that next Commission meeting will be Tues. 12-26-06.

Also agreed on policy that applicants must have materials submitted at least one week prior to meeting (no bringing revisions to meeting) or else Commission will defer to following meeting.

ConCom wants to add to standard conditions -- hay bales & silt fence to be removed when site is stabilized. This must be done before requesting Cert. of Compliance.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Notice of Intent - Matson Homes, Inc., "Parker Hill Estates" subdivision (cont'd from 10-30-06)

Fax rec'd 11-28 from Wes Flis, Whitman & Bingham requesting postponement to December meeting. Continued to 12-26 meeting.

Notice of Intent - "Woodland Estates" mobile home park expansion, Rindge Rd. (cont'd from 10-30-06)

Chris Deloge, Whitman & Bingham Assocs. requested continuance on behalf of applicant Joanne Hamberg. Continued to 12-26 meeting.

#### **Notice of Intent - 80 Erdman Way LLC, parking lot expansion (cont'd from 10-30-06)**

Chris Deloge & Tim had met on site.

Discussion on recommendations: camera outflow pipe near site where graywater is being discharged directly to Nashua, do water quality sampling there.

Steep bank at edge of parking lot is being eroded.

Chris: they can stabilize gravel slop to prevent erosion.

Mike D. suggested eliminating 3 parking spaces near proposed riprap slope.

Do retaining wall rather than rip-rap at corner of pkg. lot

Tim: midnight dumping on site, lots of trash all around cart road & near BJ's

Possible to gate access road to block access?

Suggestion - fence /vegetation at edge of parking lot to prevent trash from going over the edge.

Chris: 100 Erdman Way owner needs expansion of gravel parking lot. Is proposing rain garden. Will file for December meeting.

Mike D. there is very little landscaping at 80 & 100 Erdman -- we need comprehensive plan for riverway and landscaping

Tom: they want to see what kind of job they do with the 80 Erdman Way project first.

Agreed to give approval to parking expansion subject to:

- Install gate on access road.
- Eliminate three parking spaces
- Water quality sampling of outfall where graywater is discharging
- Chris to provide other info on what other mitigation they will provide.

ConCom will sign off on decision when these items submitted.

**Notice of Intent - Seney, Ashby State Road, driveways- 2 building lots (cont'd from 10-30-06)**

No one present. Item continued to 12-26-06.

**Notice of Intent - Robes, 1365 Pearl Hill Road, Lot 1 - building lot**

Jack Maloney, Whitman & Bingham presented plan. He & Tim met on site last week. Tim had raised several concerns. They have been worked out. Confusion over previous flagging, erroneous flagging.

Jack: There is extensive history of site. Previous dwelling there, torn down 2002. They will clean up old test pits. Sewer pump chamber has 24-hour storage in case of power failure.

Mike D: plan doesn't show final contours at the proposed house location or in driveway area. Is that a problem? Pointed out that house location is downhill of wetland.

John K. suggested bottomless culvert instead of pipe to allow reptiles, etc. to pass. High cost?

Tim: in this case perhaps not needed? Doesn't connect waterway - stream is intermittent.

Public comment:

Mr. Wuoti, 1431 Pearl Hill Rd. - owns abutting property - concerned about whether he will have more water onto his property.

Keith Paquet, 1333 Pearl Hill Rd. (formerly Dauphinais) - street runoff will run down his driveway unless it pitched to one side.

Jack suggested applicant install berm along edge of road to prevent street runoff from going down driveway.

Motion made & seconded to approve, subject to conditions:

- Move replication area to south side of proposed driveway to connect the two wetland areas.
- Wetland replication to be supervised and certified by a wetland scientist.
- Applicant to install berm along edge of road to prevent street runoff from going down driveway.
- Any change in grades of driveway or septic system will require review & approval of Commission.

Vote 5-0 to approve.

**Notice of Intent - KRT, Pearl Hill Road, Lot 2 - building lot**

Jack Maloney again. This lot abuts Lot 1 above on the south. The same initial concerns Tim raised have been settled.

They are proposing drop drain manhole at edge of existing culvert at Pearl Hill Rd. DPW -Engineering has reviewed & OKed it.

Public comment:

Mr. Paquet, 1333 Pearl Hill Rd. raised concerns with runoff.

Motion made & seconded to approve, subject to standard conditions:

Vote 5-0 to approve.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### Rindge Rd Water Dept. treatment plant

ConCom doesn't want to sign off of project yet.

Tim: site is stable now (not all silt fence has been taken out) but how to address damage done from washouts. Discussion on Tim's conversation with John Deline, Water Dept.. Contractor may be willing to offer \$\$ as remediation. This could be used for restoration of Greens Pond, or engineering study of how to do it.

What is cost to dredge pond?

### Fifth Mass Tpk.

Commission was informed about Council petition recently passed to open up Fifth Mass. Turnpike from Rollstone Rd. to Oak Hill Road.

Mike D. - this runs counter to State's acquiring 40 acre parcel nearby as open space. Opening up road would only encourage new development. MHD rejected opening up Fifth Mass when they last looked at full interchange there in 1984. Is next to tributary to public water supply.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn. Vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Dec. 26, 2006

*Approved: 12-26-06*